

ANCHUSA AZUREA (BORAGINACEAE), NEW TO TEXAS—Although several members of the Old World genus *Anchusa* L. (Boraginaceae), including *A. azurea* Mill, *A. barrelieri* (All.) Vitm., and *A. officinalis* L., have been reported to be sporadically naturalized in North America (Peck 1961; Fernald 1970), not one has been recorded from Texas (Correll and Johnston 1970; Johnston 1988). An examination of specimens on deposit in the University of Texas herbaria (LL, TEX) revealed no previous Texas collections. The following recent collection of *A. azurea* from central Texas is apparently the first record of the genus and species for the state:

TEXAS. Kerr Co.: Ranchero and Quail Valley Road intersection, W of Texas hwy 16, Kerrville, 2 Mar 1984, *Wesby & Wesby s.n.* (TEX).

Although these plants doubtlessly represent garden escapes, the small population is slowly expanding its size and range. The plants were flourishing in the summer of 1988 and have apparently become naturalized in their roadside habitat.—*David E. Lemke, Department of Biology, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666, U.S.A. and Vernon Wesby, 1 Rio Vista Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028, U.S.A.*

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